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At around 7 a.m. on July 6, a fire broke out at the condominium community, Southwyck Village, on Yarmouth Court in Scotch Plains. The fire department arrived within minutes, but the fire completely engulfed one of the townhouse-style units, spreading quickly even through firewalls. Ten people were displaced by the blaze, which destroyed four condos and left two others with smoke damage.

Thankfully, no one was injured, but the devastation was done.

In many cases, properly installed and maintained fire sprinklers control and possibly even extinguish a fire before the fire department even arrives on the scene. More importantly, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters who battle the fire.

Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible, and helping to avoid potential tragedies.

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